

# GOOD BASE RUNNING PROCESSES RESULTS THAT PLEASE FANS

## Clever Steals of Conroy and Ganley Keynote to Beat- ing Athletics—Pinch Shifts in Line-Up Do Not Weaken Team.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

The shrinking violet and the wood-  
tick are in our midst, and the Wash-  
ington ball team, by beating the Ath-  
letics in Philadelphia yesterday 4 to 3,  
made it two wins in succession. By  
these signs we know that spring is  
really at hand. But don't take 'em  
off yet. The violets we can do without  
and the woodtick we can avoid by  
hearkening to the voice of the back-  
to-nature cranks, but we certainly did  
need that game in Philadelphia. It was  
just absolutely necessary that our ball  
team be up and doing, like the leeman  
and the jack-in-pulpit.

The racing associations can't be  
blamed for cutting off the passes of  
politicians.

Conroy singled and stole. Ganley walked  
and stole. The first happened in the  
second inning, and the second in the  
ninth. Both maneuvers were respon-  
sible for runs, and both were made  
with two out. That is real baseball,  
and it was successful. McBride's time-  
ly tap in the ninth that brought in  
Ganley with the all-important tally was  
highly commendable, and he has a glad  
hand coming to him, but it was an  
ordinary play. The real point to the game  
was the fact that Conroy and Ganley  
stole, especially Ganley. All spring we  
have harped on the fact that Wash-  
ington had a fast aggregation, and when  
the season opened it promised to fulfill  
our prophecies by losing faster than any  
outfit we have had since Patsy Donovan's  
picked nine dropped thirteen  
straight. Now it is there with the  
proper thing. It is a fast team, taking  
it man for man, with as clever a lot  
of individual basestealers and sprinters  
as there is in the American League, de-  
spite what the knackers may say. The  
team will never be conspicuous for slug-  
ging, but we will make a little bet that  
the ability of Ganley, Conroy, Cly-  
mer, Unglaub, Milan, McBride, and  
Blankenship to get away fast and steal  
in emergencies is going to account for a  
large proportion of Washington's  
gains this year.

Have you noticed the pace Pittsburg  
is setting in the National League?

Conroy is known as the man in the  
American League who gets the longest  
lead off a base. Ganley is known as one  
of the very best basestealers in the  
business anywhere. When they happen  
to be on together, or either is on with  
Clymer, you can nearly always count  
on doling. They not only work well  
themselves, but their abilities when  
coupled on the lines are a by-word, and  
have a tendency to rattle the other side.  
The opposing players are kept so busy  
wondering what will be pulled off that  
they cannot pay absolutely strict at-  
tention to the batter. Hence sometimes  
it is sandwiched in or a boot is  
made that would not otherwise have  
appeared, had there been less redoubt-  
able thieves to contend with. All of  
this is going to be a big help this season,  
and is going to save our spring  
boosts from looking foolish.

Don't worry. The Boston Americans  
are not going to set the world on fire  
in 1939.

When Blankenship batted for Milan  
in the eighth Conroy was switched to  
center field and Shipke went on third.  
Conroy then promptly made a star  
catch that saved the game. That's  
what Blankenship paid for Conroy's  
switch. The awkwardness preceding car-  
ries the idea we wish to express, even  
if it is not Bostonese. Conroy is as  
much of an outfielder as he is an in-  
fielder, and the object in paying a fan-  
cy price for him was to have him on  
hand in case of such an emergency.  
When he was lifted from third, Bill  
Shipke was sent to that station and it  
was a cinch to get him to stay there  
by treatment on the defensive. In  
Blankenship and Gray the club has two  
pinch hitters of merit. Blankenship  
can bat for any fielder and when the  
substituted man is necessarily retired to  
the bench the team can be readjusted  
so that it is almost as strong as before.  
Gray can swing for a pitcher and then  
do twirling of major league caliber on  
his own account. The Washington team  
about the easiest team in the league to  
manipulate without serious damage to  
the defense, and this is an important  
factor when your pinch hitters have  
run up the game for you or put you a  
run ahead.

The St. Louis Browns are at the bot-  
tom now, but they will not stay there.  
Nor is it likely they will win the pen-  
nant.

One swallow doesn't make a summer—  
although we have seen one swallow of  
Alexandria, hoodoo, produce an indus-  
trious to either summer or winter—and  
two games in a row do not land you at  
the top of the first division or the bot-  
tom of the second, but they indicate  
that Washington is not as weak as the  
grumpy fans imagine when the series  
of early disasters was in full swing.  
The grouches were complaining that  
winnings were going to be as scarce  
with the club this year as the three R's

# THEIR HEADWORK WON A GAME



BOB GANLEY and WID CONROY.

## PRESIDENT SEES COMMISSIONERS DOWN POSTOFFICE AGGREGATION

### Chief Executive Greatly En- thusiased by Performance of the Amateurs.

Lo! a mighty fan has joined our amate-  
ur ranks.

No other than President Taft, prob-  
ably the greatest fan of modern times,  
shouldered it with the other White Lot  
fans yesterday, and watched the re-  
juvenated Commissioner team wallop all  
that was wallpapery out of the Post-  
office aggregation. And, moreover, there  
wasn't a man on the field that enjoyed  
the game any more than our robust  
Executive. Stood right up and roared,  
pulled first for one team and then the  
other, gave the glad hand to the various  
players as the occasion merited, and  
beat it home with the rest of the crowd  
at the conclusion of hostilities. Post-  
master General Hitchcock was likewise  
present.

Everybody, even the President, was  
surprised by the manner in which the  
winners clouted the ball. Both Har-  
ling and Kerr, who were in the box for  
Postoffice, were hit hard and often,  
eleven hits being registered for the  
Commissioners. From the performance  
yesterday, it looks very probable that  
the amateur ranks this season, and may  
go far toward duplicating that splendid  
record made by that aggregation several  
seasons back, when it captured about  
everything in sight on the local sand  
lots.

More than one of the old-timers at  
the Capital City grounds were surprised  
yesterday when the Columbia team came  
off ahead of Brentwood. It was a good  
game, and showed plainly the consis-  
tency which last season's champions  
possessed.

Only four hits were made off Balzer,  
the Georgetown pitcher who worked for  
Brentwood, yet Columbia managed to  
squeeze enough across to land the mar-  
gin. It was mainly through the untimely  
errors of the losers that Columbia won,  
for at bat the victors offered no com-  
pensation with Brentwood's second  
nine hits off Litchfield, Columbia's  
southpaw.

### DEPARTMENT LEAGUE.

Lay and Mooney, of the Commission-  
ers, carried off the batting honors yester-  
day, both connecting three times.  
Lay got three out of three up.

Much favorable criticism was passed  
upon the work of the winners. Although  
the game was one-sided throughout the  
winners never let up, only two errors  
being registered against them, and both  
on rather difficult chances.

Burch, who pitched for the Commis-  
sioners, went over the route in credit-  
able fashion. Heretofore this player has  
had some little difficulty getting into  
first-class condition early in the season,  
but yesterday he went in mid-season  
form, and showed no signs of a let-up.

Vaughan played his usual good game  
for the losers yesterday. Besides field-

### AMATEUR GAMES TODAY

Departmental League—Interiors vs.  
War and Aggies vs. Navy, at El-  
lipse, at 5 p. m.  
Capital City League—St. Stephen's  
vs. G. P. O., at First and M streets  
northwest, at 5:30 p. m.

Marquette League—Columbia vs.  
St. Martin, at First and W streets  
northwest, at 5:30 p. m.  
Independence League—Advent vs.  
Twining, at McDevitt's Field, at 5:30  
p. m.

Sunday School League—Ninth vs.  
Peck, at Thirteenth and D streets  
northeast, at 5:30 p. m.  
Railroad League—Trainmen vs.  
Union Station, at Fifth street and  
Florida avenue northeast, at 5:30  
p. m.

Suburban League—Woodburn vs.  
Petworth, at Petworth, at 5:30 p. m.

### CAPITAL CITY LEAGUE.

Handboe and McCarthy, two members  
of the old Atlantic club which Jesse  
Watt organized out east several years  
ago, played a great game for Brentwood  
yesterday. Both fielded faultlessly and  
hit like fiends. Handy got two and  
Mac four.

Taken altogether, the performance of  
the Brentwood team yesterday was a  
disappointment. It secured twice as  
many hits as the winners, but failed to  
take advantage of many opportunities  
which might have landed it the game.

"Spicket" Ricker played left for Co-  
lumbia yesterday. He batted out one  
of the four hits credited to that team.

### S. S. LEAGUE.

St. Paul, 8; Langdon, 6.

A. Cuckshanks, who twirled for the  
losers, proved the most consistent per-  
former with the willow on the Langdon  
team. Five trips to the plate netted  
him three safeties.

Considerable interest was manifested  
in the game yesterday, as both of the

# WHITNEY DEFEATS WESTERN OUTFIT

## Eastern Pitcher Proves Puz- zle to Red and White Batsmen.

## SCHOOL DOPESTERS GET SEVERE SHOCK

### Performance of Capital Hillers a Big Surprise to League's Followers.

Eastern, 7; Western, 3.

Fanning sixteen and allowing but two  
hits, Captain Bob Whitney pitched the  
Eastern High School team to a notable  
victory over the Western outfit in the  
second game of the High School series  
yesterday, and the form displayed by  
the Capitol Hill aggregation is today  
the current topic among the high school  
dopesters who have heretofore failed to  
consider the Light Blue and White team  
as a championship possibility.

It was a contest between Western and  
Whitney, and the score tells to show  
just how much the hefty Eastern  
pitcher outclassed the Western team. It  
was a great game for the Capitol  
Hillers and a sad day for the losers.  
Many doped the game a contest for  
ownership of last place, but Eastern  
not only trounced the Westerners de-  
cisively but greatly muddled these opin-  
ions.

Knowing that the entire chances of  
the Easterners laid in the work of its  
pitcher, Coach Woodward had centered  
all the play about the captain, and  
while Whitney cannot be given too  
much praise for the manner in which he  
handled his opponents, the impressive  
style of the team behind him is worthy  
of mention. Leland, Martin, and Parker  
all acquitted themselves in creditable  
shape. Contrary to expectations the  
streets diamond this season. Neither  
compared favorably with the teams  
whose places they took, although they  
are comprised of youngsters, and may  
develop as the season advances.

"Shorty" Hughes is going in his usual  
good form at the umpiring game. So  
far, the diminutive official has had little  
difficulty satisfying all concerned. It  
might be added that there are but very  
few in the city today that have the  
fact and at the same time the aggressiv-  
ness of the Sunday School League  
arbiter.

### INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE.

Nearly all of the contests played on  
the McDevitt field this season have been  
marred by numerous misplays. As yet  
none of the teams have become settled,  
and the article of ball presented is,  
therefore, not as good as it should be  
a little later in the season.

Both Barry and Larkins, the opposing  
twirlers, were in fine fettle yesterday,  
and had they received different support  
the game might have been interesting.

Cunningham, who plays second base  
for the Ninth street aggregation, was  
the only man on either team to connect  
for more than one bingle. He got two  
safeties out of three times up.

PHILADELPHIA, May 6.—Joe Can-  
tillon and his Nationals will try to  
take another fall out of Connie Mack's  
Phillies this afternoon. The game  
between the two teams yesterday was  
rather dull and uninteresting.

The weather today is ideal for base-  
ball. In fact, it is the first good day  
Philadelphia has had since the opening  
of the season.

Umpire Egan came in for a delightful  
roasting at the hands of some of the  
local writers for his work with the  
indicator yesterday. The Washington  
players, however, say that Egan um-  
pired a good game. With Eddie Plank,  
"the crab" on the flinging mound, any  
umpire will be made to look bad. The  
former college boy wants everything  
that is anywhere near the plate and  
his continual protests to the umpire  
make the arbitrator look bad. Plank  
was especially crabby yesterday and  
made life miserable for Egan. "The  
wonder is that Egan did not chase him  
to the club house."

This is the kind of a day that is to  
the liking of Big Chief Bender's Indian  
blood, and he will do the flinging for  
Joe Abbiele this afternoon, when the  
former Tiger Ira Thomas, on the other  
end, Cantillon has selected Long Tom  
Hughes to do the pitching for Wash-  
ington.

### MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

| AMERICAN LEAGUE                 |    |    |      |
|---------------------------------|----|----|------|
| Yesterday's Results.            |    |    |      |
| Washington, 4; Philadelphia, 3. |    |    |      |
| Chicago, 6; Cleveland, 5.       |    |    |      |
| New York, 2; Boston, 0.         |    |    |      |
| Detroit, 3; St. Louis, 1.       |    |    |      |
| Games Today.                    |    |    |      |
| Washington at Philadelphia.     |    |    |      |
| Boston at New York.             |    |    |      |
| Detroit at St. Louis.           |    |    |      |
| Chicago at Cleveland.           |    |    |      |
| Standing of the Clubs.          |    |    |      |
|                                 | W. | L. | Pct. |
| Detroit                         | 10 | 5  | .722 |
| New York                        | 10 | 5  | .697 |
| Chicago                         | 8  | 7  | .533 |
| Boston                          | 8  | 7  | .533 |
| Cleveland                       | 6  | 9  | .400 |
| Washington                      | 5  | 8  | .385 |
| Philadelphia                    | 5  | 8  | .385 |
| St. Louis                       | 5  | 11 | .313 |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE               |    |    |      |
|-------------------------------|----|----|------|
| Yesterday's Results.          |    |    |      |
| Chicago, 5; Cincinnati, 3.    |    |    |      |
| Brooklyn, 8; Philadelphia, 3. |    |    |      |
| Pittsburg, 6; St. Louis, 5.   |    |    |      |
| Games Today.                  |    |    |      |
| New York at Boston.           |    |    |      |
| Philadelphia at Brooklyn.     |    |    |      |
| Cincinnati at Chicago.        |    |    |      |
| St. Louis at Pittsburg.       |    |    |      |
| Standing of the Clubs.        |    |    |      |
|                               | W. | L. | Pct. |
| Pittsburg                     | 11 | 6  | .647 |
| Philadelphia                  | 8  | 5  | .615 |
| Boston                        | 8  | 5  | .615 |
| Cincinnati                    | 10 | 10 | .500 |
| Chicago                       | 9  | 9  | .500 |
| Brooklyn                      | 6  | 8  | .429 |
| St. Louis                     | 7  | 12 | .368 |
| New York                      | 4  | 8  | .333 |

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tested. That between A. J. Gore and  
George Chapman was the hardest  
fought. Ezra Gould, the Association  
champion in 1938, had to battle to beat  
H. H. Gren. The tournament will con-  
tinue until Decoration Day. Yesterday's  
summaries follow:

A. J. Gore defeated George Chapman,  
6-3, 4-6, 6-4; W. F. Holby defeated H. G.  
Bryan, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; Ezra Gould defeated  
H. H. Gren, 6-2, 6-4; C. E. Osborn  
defeated A. G. Grinnell, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.

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returns to this country early next week,  
he will match Battling Nelson with  
Rudolph Unholz, the fighting Boer, now  
in Australia, for a finish fight at Mel-  
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